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In re Appl. Of: Crawford, Charles K.
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For: Minimal Thickness, Double-Sided Flanges for Ultra-High
Vacuum Components
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FIRST RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 24, 2003 (Paper No. 3). In response thereto, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this first response. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this first response, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 08-1391.

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	27 -	24 =	3	x \$9.00	\$27.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4 -	3 =	1	x \$43.00	\$43.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$70.00

- No additional fee is required for amendment.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-1391 in the amount of \$70.00
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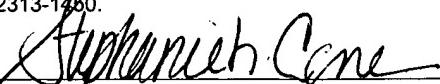
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